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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Arms Transfer Working Group

SUBJECT : Working Group Report

1. I would like to complete the sporadic activities of the working group by some time in early January if not by the end of this year. To that end, I would appreciate receiving a written input from each of you by cob 14 December. I will then add my own input and attempt to have a consolidated draft complete by the 21st. We can then meet some time during the week between Christmas and New Years to finalize the report. If you are planning some leave during this period or if there are any other problems with this schedule, please let me know as soon as possible so I can adjust accordingly.

2. Your inputs should include the following:

- A list of your contacts in the policy community--that is, those individuals and or organizations with whom you have discussed the issue of intelligence support on arms transfers and third world defense industry.

- Your thoughts on consumer demand for intelligence production on arms transfer and third world defense industry. In this connection please address the following questions:

- What kind of intelligence product is needed? Factual data? analytical studies? or both? Give some specific examples of the kinds of questions that consumers want to have answered.

- How significant do you believe the consumer demand is? That is, how important is the availability or absence of the requested intelligence production likely to be to the effective pursuit of U.S. policy objectives?

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-- How large is the present demand and in your view? Is it likely to increase, decrease, or stay about the same over the next few years?

- Without reference to where additional resources might come from, please provide your thoughts on the adequacy--both in terms of quantity and quality--of the NFAC resources now being devoted to the subject. What specific sub-topics and issues need more or less attention? What about the use of contractors? What specific sub-topics or issues might they contribute to?

- Your thoughts on the organizational aspects of NFAC's present intelligence effort.

-- Do we need some centralized mechanism to better rationalize and guide the present research effort?

-- Do we need a more visible, single point of contact for the wide range of consumers to deal with?

-- What reasonable alternatives to the present organizational arrangements can you think of? What are the pros and cons of each of these options? Which one do you recommend?

2. Please fill free to add any other thoughts on the subject that you think I should take into account in drafting the group's report. Thanks for your help.



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